



## **UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Summary April 22, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kevin Linck and introductions were done. The meeting summary from March 18, 2013 was approved. (Aviles moved; Firley seconded).

**Update from the County Council** – Josh Faust from Councilmember Berliner’s office updated the Board on the Green Tax Credit program and the Water Protection Charge program as well as other budget highlights.

#### **Update from the Upcounty Regional Director**

Catherine Matthews shared the following information.

- The Frederick Airpark Control Tower is one of a number of airports identified by the FAA that are scheduled to be closed due to the federal budget sequestration. The Regional Services Director asked the Revenue Authority about any possible impact to the Montgomery County Airpark (will we see more pilots returning to the Montgomery Airpark?). The response was that we expect no impact. Montgomery Airpark is a pilot controlled airfield so pilots are used to not having a control tower. Additionally, because of our location within the protected airspace, some pilots are still avoiding our airpark.
- As a part of streamlining the permitting process for developers, there have been improvements made in the fire inspection process that eliminates duplication of effort.
- The Planning Board will host a public hearing on the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan (Proposed BRT System) on May 16. A representative from the Coalition for Smarter Growth has asked to speak to the Board at a future date.

#### **Guest Discussion – “Update on the Poolesville Area.”**

James Brown, President of the Poolesville Town Commissioners, Town Manager Wade Yost, and Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski briefed UCAB members on initiatives and concerns of the Town. Michael Knapp from OrionBioStrategies/Orion Ventures explained the economic development study that he is doing for the town. They also announced that the Woodside Equestrian Park was opening on April 27.

#### **Chairperson’s Report**

Board Chair Kevin Linck announced that he was establishing this year’s Interview Committee to interview new board applicants. Members Daisha New, Mark Firley, and Dave Rosenbaum volunteered to serve. Mr. Linck also announced that this year’s Nominating Committee was being established to recommend new officers for FY2014. Members Bob Thompson and Andy Aviles volunteered to serve. Committee Chairs were reminded to submit their narratives for the annual report by May 3. Finally, a Board photo will be taken at the May 20 meeting for the annual report.

#### **Committee Reports**

*Land Use Committee* – Committee Chair Robert Nelson reported that the committee’s next meeting will be on April 29 with a discussion on Montgomery and Frederick Counties’ views on our local agricultural industry.

*Shady Grove Plan Implementation Advisory Committee* – No report.

*Dickerson Facility Implementation Group* – No report.

*Montgomery Airpark Liaison Committee* – No report.

*Smart Growth Initiative Implementation Advisory Group* – No report.  
*Speed Camera Advisory Committee* – No report.  
*Permitting Services Advisory Committee* – No report.

**New Business – None**

**Community Concerns**

Paula Sind-Prunier from Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, presented to the Board and asked members' help in sharing information with their communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. (Firley moved; Noble seconded).

*Attendance:* Andres Aviles, Juan Cardenas, Brian Donohue, Mark Firley, James King, Kevin Linck, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Doug Noble, David Rosenbaum, Robert Thompson.

*Additional Guests:* Josh Faust (Councilmember Berliner's Office), David Stein, Paula Sind-Prunier

*Staff:* Catherine Matthews